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TAGS: EAID, BB, OTRA (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), SENV, TOCY

SUBJ: BARBADOS REQUEST FOR HELP IN BEACH EROSION CONTROL

1. DURING MEETING BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN AND BARBADIAN OFFICIALS ON NOVEMBER 25, DEPUTY PRIMIN BERNARD ST. JOHN MENTIONED GOB CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUED EROSION OF SOME EAST AND SOUTH COAST BEACHES. WITH TOURISM A PRIME SOURCE OF INCOME FOR BARBADOS, THE EROSION OF ITS BEACHES POSES A MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM. ST. JOHN SAID WITH FUNDING FROM THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND A PARTIAL SURVEY OF THE EAST COAST HAD BEEN DONE BUT THAT A FULL SURVEY HAD THUS FAR BEEN PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE.

2. A FRONT PAGE REPORT ON THE BEACH EROSION PROBLEM ALSO APPEARED IN THE NOVEMBER 25 NATION NEWSPAPER DURING TODMAN VISIT WHICH QUOTED GOB OFFICIALS AS STATING THAT THIS PROBLEM WAS EXPECTED TO WORSEN IN EARLY 1978 DUE TO SEASONAL OCEAN MOVEMENTS AND HIGH TIDES AND THAT IN VIEW OF THE GREAT EXPENSE INVOLVED IN COPING WITH THE PROBLEM, THE GOB HAD APPLIED TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FOR ADVICE. THE ARTICLE ALSO NOTED THE ARRIVAL OF A CANADIAN BEACH MORPHOLOGIST,
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DR. BRIAN BIRD, WHO WILL MONITOR THE EROSION PROBLEM FOR THE GOB.

3. WHEN ST. JOHN SAID THAT THE EXPERTISE OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS WOULD BE VERY USEFUL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN PLEDGED TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITIES OF ASSISTANCE AND TO GIVE THE GOB AT LEAST A TENTATIVE

REPLY SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

4. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE UNDERTAKE INVESTIGATION
OF THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA SO
THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN MAY MAKE TENTATIVE REPLY
TO GOB REQUEST UPON HIS RETURN. PLEASE KEEP THIS
EMBASSY INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.
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